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Written statement dated 14 May 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the League of Arab States to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Centre for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the League of Arab States to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Centre for Human Rights and has the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued by the secretariat of the League of Arab States on the occasion of the forty-fourth anniversary of the admission of Israel to membership in the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the League of Arab States requests the Centre for Human Rights to regard this statement as an official document and to have it circulated to the members of the Commission on Human Rights.

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On the occasion of the forty-fourth anniversary of United Nations General Assembly resolution 273 (III), dated 11 May 1949, on the admission of Israel to membership in the United Nations as "a peace-loving State which accepts the obligations contained in the Charter and is able and willing to carry out those obligations", the secretariat of the League of Arab States:

Deplores the fact that Israel continues to violate the fourth Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War through its hardline policy of repression and collective punishments in the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories;

Also deplores the fact that Israel continues to act in violation of the Charter by refusing to implement United Nations resolutions, including Security Council resolution 799 (1992) of 18 December 1992 on the return of the deported Palestinians.

Bearing in mind Israel's pledge to the second session of the General Assembly that it "unreservedly accepts the obligations of the United Nations Charter and undertakes to honour them from the day when it becomes a member of the United Nations", the secretariat of the League of Arab States:

Calls on the international community to bring pressure to bear on Israel to ensure respect for United Nations resolutions and the fourth Geneva Convention;

Reaffirms its full support for the legitimate and equitable demands of the Palestinian people for self-determination and the establishment of its independent State under the auspices of the Palestine Liberation Organization;

Confirms its support for the ongoing peace negotiations with a view to the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.